

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 10, 1909,

WHAT are usually considered the pecessities of life have become luxuries in New York during the last few weeks, and the result is that many small provision dealers are facing bankruptcy, while the average wage carner has been compelled to stop using milk, butter, eggs and other dairy products simply because they cannot afford them. Milk. which has been eight cents a quart for several years in New York, is now quoted at ten cents to the customer: selected eggs are selling for fifty-five cents a dozen, while the cheapest grade are quoted above the forty mark; butter is selling at 48 cents per pound and the dealers declare it will be fifty cents a pound before the end of the month. The desire for increase dividends on the part of the controlling interest in the milk trust and the diary products' trust is the reason for the advance, so far as the popular mind is concerned, but the managers of the companies declare this is not so. No matter what the cause, it is a fact that the cost of living in New York has increased thirty per cent, since the middle of August. There is a rumor that financial interests that in the past have been ailied with the Standard Oil Company have recently "bought in" the milk and dairy products' trusts, and that these interests are determined that dividends shall be pushed up.

THE TAFF tour, which will end today, has carried the president over 12,759 miles by rail and river, five to six hundred miles by automobile sed possibly 100 miles by stage or other horse-drawn vehicle. It has cost the United States \$20,000, which will come out of the fund appropriated by Congress for his traveling expenses. The president has made upward of 300 speeches from pulpits, rear-platforms of his train, in every conceivable form of auditorium and in the open air. The cost to the various localities that have "entertained" him is very large. A conservative estimate is three million dollars, and for the little entertainment at Juarez, where he was the guest of President Disz of Mexico, the bill for that "little dinner" is declared to have been half a million. Ten, fifteen and twenty dollars a plate were charged those who say through the various formal dinners that were given in honor of the vielt of the president while out at Los Aogeles they struck the record figure of twenty-five dollars an individual.

BRITONS are crasing to look to America for their supply of beef and are turning more and more to Argentina for meats and cattle. R. M. Bartleman, cousul general at Buenos Ayres, has informgland was growing rapidly and that the British Isles are becoming more and more dependent on the South American republic for their meat supplies. He also reported that prominent English shipowners and Argentina cattle raisers have organized a company which will undertake to ship supplies of chilled meat regularly each week from the River Pistte to London and Manchester. The people of this country so for have been entirely masble to cope with the American meat trust and will now be interested witnesses of the fight between the Britishers and the trust.

THE shortage in the accounts of the Big Four Railroad through the defalcation of the local tressurer at Cincinnati was officially stated to be \$643,000 and this way run up to \$2,000,000. This man left the company only that which he did not want himself.

## From Washington

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Genette, Washington, Nov. 10. Secretary of the Treasury MacVesgh said today that he expected to discuss the customs frauds at New York in his forthcoming annual report. He made it plain that the department is upholding Collector Loeb to his efforts "to probe a situation that has become in-He said that the legal officers representing the Department of Justice and those representing the Treasury Department were working with a singleness of purpose which was gratify-It had been found that the suga trust people and others that had been working customs graft were strongly organized and entrenched, and had reached a point where they thought themselves secure. It was necessary to break into this combination and that was being done.

That the now famous Roosevelt canaid-the wild rumor of the death of the ex-president in Africa, which swept over the country recently-was first given circu'ation for ulterior purposes by a stock firm, is the opinion entertained here by two or three goverment sources, af er an investigation of the matter. It is pointed out, in support of the theory that the rumor was deliberately started to influence stocks, that the story apparently originated at a time when con firmation or denial was out of the ques-

Unless the present working balance

unforseen, Secretary of the Treasury Today's Telegraphic News MacVesgh today said that no action would be taken with regard to the issuance of the authorized three per centerificates nor the issue of Panama bonds until Congress had had an opportunity to legislate further on the latter subject. On his return to his deak in the department today after an absence of several months the secretary declared that he found the condition of the Tressury finances practically the same as when he went away and that there was no indication of trouble on the financial

A vitriolic denunciation of President Gompars, Secretary Morrison and Vice President John Mitchell, the three American Federation of Labor officers who are concerned in the famous "contempt case" is the gist of the sonual report of General Master Workman Simon Burns, head of the Order of Kulghis of Labor, now in session here. "Where is there a more willful, premeditated violation of law than in this case?" queries desired. Burns, "The action of the so-called leaders will be barmful for years to come whenever an attempt is made to secure legislation for the benefit of the worker. There is no trust or combination of capital in the world that violates any more laws, or oftener, than the trust isoor organizations, who resort to more dishon est, unfair, and dishonorable methods towards their competitors than any trust or combination in the country." took pains to indicate that his censure is aimed particularly at the three federation leaders, and only generally at the organization as a whole. "It looks as if Gampers, Mitchell and Morrison," he explained, "deaired to do something since Monday and the trouble is beprominently before the public. They showed little respect for the courts of the District of Columbia, considering them open to threats or political influence.

William C. Dennis, assistant solicitor of the Department of State, has been designated by Secretary Knox as agent of the United States in the arbitration of the Oronoco Steamship Company claim against Venezuela by the International Tribunal at The Hague. The position was made vacant by the recent death of William I. Buchanan, in London, gates who believe in the suspended or-Frederick D. McKenney, of Washing ton, has been designated as counsel.

Treasury officials are rather of the

opinion that the opera singers striving to in New York are successfully striving to work the newspapers for free advertising They rest under jail sentences for contempt, and the delegates realize that tempt, and the delegates realize that pinion that the opera singers arriving by making compiaints of the horrid cus-toms man. Mary Garden got hers to the extent of columns a few days ago and now, not to be outdone, Mme. Tetraz. zina makes a plaintive wail to the effect that she was not able to get an evening gown out of her trunks at the docks and was prevented from attending the 'opening' " of a prominent piece where she had hoped to be a spectator. The press agent story says that the cus-toms people told her that decollete were stage costumes and there-SHWOS

Richard A. Ballinger, the secretary of the interior, under scatning attack by Louis R. Glavis as a result of the department's handling of the Alaska coal cases, proposes to wage bitter war on Giavis and the Giavis sympathizers. It is said by republicans here that there will be a big shake-up among the present Virginia federal officeholders and of H. Mechelstetter, representing when the offices in that state are filled by the Taltauministration. Many of the

will give a hearing November 24 to the ship seceding of W., A. & Mt. Vernon Rwy. Co. and the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railway Company, relative to the enforce ment of the regulation requiring cars to be equipped with pick-up fenders and automatic wheel guards.

# Madame Steinheil's Anger.

Paris, Nov. 10 .- "I am becoming but if you drive me to it I shall cease be discreet. Do you understand?"

These words in an undertone, pregnant of her husband and mother, hopes to behalf of the Old Dominion. win the game for her life. Her tone was hard and menacing as she fashed this visited the capitol where, in the house reply to presiding Judge de Valles, who in the confusion attending the opening of today's session put a sharp question which threatened to damage her defense,

Judge, jury, lawyers and spectators saw grave possibilities—scandsl and disrevealed the "back door history" of her attempts to rule France through her The names of peers, presidents, and princes would be sure to figure in a recital of the intrigues which character-

zed her salon. De Valles evidently understood. He glanced apprehensively at the accused woman, and then abandoned the object tionable line of questioning.

Cairo, Ill., Nov. 10 .- The police held up a mob which today was marching on the local jail to lynch Will James, a negro coal heaver, arrested on suspicion being concerned in the murder and outrage of Anna Policy, a shop girl. The chief of police snatched a mask from the leader of the mob and then ap pealed to his associates to disperse, de claring the evidence against James was purely circumstantial, but promising a to south. speedy trial. The argument prevailed and the mob dispersed. The girl was attacked as she was returning trom work and dragged into an alley where she was ginning at 1:38 o'clock and ending at outreged and murdered. Torn bits of clothing and hair scattered for two blocks show that she struggled hard for her honor and life. When found the body was stripped of clothing, there was a noosed rope around her neck which had been used to choke her into uncon sciousness and there was a cloth gag in her mouth. Dogs placed on the scent registered on the seismograph of the followed the trail to a negro lodging house weather bureau. The officials there followed the trail to a negro lodging house andall of the inmates have been arrested.

Frank Gorey, a chaufleur, and Jessie Mason, aged 23, of Williamsburg, are declared to be fatsily hurt, while four other men and three women are severely bruised and cut following the collision of an automobile, running fifty miles an hour with a big boulder on the boulevard near Flushing, L. I., early today.

Nine bodies have been recovered from the ill-fated Auchingloss Colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western

Fears for Jamsica.

Halifex, N. S., Nov. 10 .- There is ton has been shut off since Saturday, and the last word received was that a hurricane of unprecedented-severity was upper board. then sweeping over the island. cable companies in the last message re-ceived reports that all land lines had been destroyed. Since then the cables have failed to work. There is a possibility that an earthquake has shaken here that a hurricane would have put

the cable out of commission.

The steamer Amanda, from Halix, which was aground on the west end of the island Friday, got off that night and must have encountered the harricase, but has not since been heard

destroyed all of the early crops. New York, Nov. 10.-The offices here today announced that their West Indian cables are working only so far as Santiago de Cuba. They are accepting messages for Porta Rico and the Danish West Indies subject to forwarding by mail from Santlago via the steamer that sails from that port this afternoon.

The companies have no knowledge Barns of conditions in the islands or whether the interruption is due to the harricane

or to an earthquake. At the offices of the Western Union lieved to be due to the Jamaica burri Communication heyond Santing ceased completely last night and al efforts to locate the cause of the troubl have so far failed.

Toronto, Out., Nov. 10.—The fight in the American Federation of Labor ollowing the explanation of the executive council that it suspended state and central bodies for failing to live up to the by-laws will be carried to the floor This was made certain today when dele ganizations declared they would fight for their reinststement.

No matter what the outcome it is unlikely that there will be real opposition socialists may place candidates in the field this year, but they admit they are not strong enough at this time to get control of the federation.

The supplemental report of the cre dential committee shows clearly that the officers of the federation are determined to crush out all opposition to the present administration, and to decided all juris-diction fights on strictly trades lines. Toronto, Ont., Nov. 10—The ultimate

defeat of the insurgent electrical work-ers in the A. F. of L. jurisdictional fight, was clearly indicated today by the conventions unanimous adoption of the report of the committee on credentials, which recommended the unseating of A. the Trade and Labor Assembly of Sioux Boosevelt appointess will go, and Taft men will be named to fill their places.

The interstate commerce commission of Labor, in retaining in their membership seceding organizations of the elec-

## President Taft in Richmond

Richmond, Va., Nov. 10 .- President Tatt arrived here early today and was driven at once to the home of Governor Swanson where he breakfasted with the governor and a party of invited guests. He will remain here until 5:15 this angry. Don't expasperate me any longer afternoon, when the final jaunt to ed the department of commerce that the I am defending myself cautiously be-traffic in beef from Argentina to En-cause, unfortunately, I am obliged to, dent seemed overjoyed at the prospect paid. be for less than twenty-four hours, and bubbled with good nature as he alighted with significance, gave a glimpse of the from his car and entered the waiting trump card with which Madame Mar- automobile. Governor Swanson met guerite Scinheil on trial for the murder him at the station and welcomed him on

Following breaktast the president Press Association were waiting to gree He addressed them informally.

This afternoon the president will re view a street parade from a reviewing stand erected at the Lee Monument grace for officials high in the life of the and will go from there to the city French republic-if Madame Steinhell auditorium where he is to make an ad

A fier speaking to the newspaper men and women President Taft addressed the leading colored citizens of Richmond He dwelt largely on the opportunities of the negro race in agriculture.

## Earthquake Shocks.

Cleveland, Nov. 10 -Father Odenbach's seismograph at St. Ignatius College observatory recorded an earthquake early today which lasted 29 minutes. Father Odenbach says it was between 10, 000 and 12,000 miles distant and likely in Japan or Chins. The initial shock was recorded at 12:35 a. m. The main shock began at 12:52 and Issted until 1:21 and the final luitial was recorded at 1:50 s. m. "The shock was peculiar," said Father Odenbach, I'in that it was most pronounced from east to west. The majority of the 'quakes are from north

Albauy, N. Y., Nov. 10 .- The seis mograph at the State Museum recorded earthquake movements this morning be-2:40. The earthquake causing the movement was of distant origin, probably occurring in South America. ing to the minuteness of the vibrations. the exact distance could not be deter

mined. Washington, Nov. 10 .- The earthquake recorded in Cleveland was also say it was not a violent disturbance.

## Cholers in Russia.

Odessa, Russia, Nov. 10 .- A virulent ntbreak of cholera at Simferopol has driven the Russian royal family from the imperial estate at Livadia and has them north to Si. Petersburg, burried Thirty-five deaths have already been re corded at Simferopol, and the authorities have little hope of checking the cholera outbreak before it spreads to the entire

of the Treasury, which is slightly under Coal Company at Nanticoke, Pa., where \$30,000,000, is materially decreased or a number of mine workers were shut in unless an emergency arises which is now by fire last night following an explosion.

Delaware, Lackwardha and Western Angelo Delasco fatally cut Louis Fest in a fight caused by jealousy in Philadelphia to-day. Delasco was abot twice and is believed to be fatally wounded.

## City Council.

There was a prolonged session of the City Council lest night, although but an grave auxiety here about the Island of average volume of business was trans-Jamaics. Communication with Kings-acted. Discussion was concentrated in the Common Council, nothing in the nature of a debate having occurred in the

> BOARD OF ALDERMEN. All the members of the Board were present and the action of the Common Council on all papers sent in was

concurred in by unanimous votes except on the resolution recommitting to the mmittee on streets the matter of the proposed extension of improvements on north Washington street.

After the clerk had read the resolu-

tion, Mr. Marbury moved that it be laid on the table, remarking that the movement toward the extension of the work had been killed.

After some interchange of opinion during which some of the members agreed with Mr. Marbury, it was thought best to concur in the action of the lower during

Mr. Hill moved a concurrence and his motion was adopted. The board subsequently adjourned.

Council was called to order o'clock; all the members were present. A delegation of members of the Chamber of Commerce occupied seats without the bar.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$100 for the erection on the streets, other than King, of metal waste paper

Mr. Leadbeater stated that the Civic improvement League would erect such oxes on King street.

Mr. Brill presented a resolution to re-

manner similar to the county road, the cost not to exceed \$1,000, which was referred to the committee on streets. A resolution was presented by Mr. Snowden directing the city engineer to sacertain the cost of improving Washington atreet, from King to Queen street, with vitrified brick or some other modern

material, and what portion of cost the property owners would have to pay. Mr. Evans was in favor of making the improvements from Prince to Queen

The resolution as amended by Evans was passed.

A resolution offered by Mr. Spinks asking power to employ an expert elec-trician to ascertain if the Alexandria

Electric Company was sufficiently well equipped to supply power to outside villages and to ascertain if the candle power of the city are lights was of the power the most necessary improvements in prescribed by law was referred to the bis section of the city; there was no ommittee on light and finance.

Mr. Birrell introduced a resolution ap-

propriating \$500 to purchase gas stoves or the use of those using gas as a means of economy in fuel, which was referred to the committees on light and general

A resolution sppropriating \$600 for the improvement of Alired street from Queen to Princess street was referred to he committee on streets.

A petition was received from the Al

exaudria Light Infantry atating that it had cost that company between \$300 and \$400 for legal|costs and atternays' fees in their fight for the retention of Armory Hall and asking Council to appropriat that amount to settle their indebtedness, and also to appropriate \$500 annually for their support. ferred to the committee on fluance.

A petition of the Interestate Natural Gas Corporation asking permission to lay and maintain a gas pipe line under the streets of the city and to furnish gas to the citizens of the city was referred to the committees on light and general

A petition from City Attorney Fisher stating that the deed conveying the new Lee school building to the city council had been signed and recorded and the bill of Mr. Fisher, \$5 for legal

the Clerk of the School Board and laid over, calling attention to existing vacancies on the School Board caused by the expiration of the terms of Mesars. O R. Yates, G. Wm. Ramsay, W. F. Carne and Wm. B. Smoot, and of Dr Wm. M Smith baying removed from

the ward which he was representing. tion of the several candidates for school trustees on the matter of the support of an industrial school for negroes be ascertained. He said the people had been taxed enough for the negro and he was not in favor of an industrial school for them and would not vote for such a measure. He was opposed to teaching them trades so that they might become competitors of white men.

The Chair stated that the industrial school had been in operation for the past year. Then the School Board had peen saked to make an appropriation of but \$15 with which to buy a few tools and ome planks.

Mr. Evans believed in making the egroes self-supporting and believed an appropriation of \$15 for a saw and hatchet and some planks would help make them such be would vote for it.

The committee on streets had reported favorably at the last meeting a resolution to appropriate \$1,460 for a 27-foo broken stone roadway with cobble gotters and to reset the curb in concrete or Alfred street, between Prince and Duke, the roadway to be treated with coal tar. The resolution had been laid over under the rules at that time and now came up

Mr. Unler was not in favor of cos tar, supposing it was simply an experi-He was also opposed making a 27-foot roadway out of a 42oot street.

Mr. Smith said as the proposed im provement was in the Fourth ward the ma ter had better be left to that delegaion, which seemed to oppose it.

Mr. Leadbeater stated that coal tar had been in use for a number of years, Crude petroleum was not satisfactory.

It was the purpose of the city engineer to give good and permanent streets.

Mr. Spinks wanted to know the obect in parrowing the streets. Would the property owners have to pay more and less, and would the additional

idewalks belong to the property owners? The Chair stated that the streets beonged to the state and not to the city. Mr. Burke was in favor of a 27-foot wide street, with parking on either side. He thought north Aifred street one of

the prettiest in the city.
Mr. Evans and Mr. Uhler questioned the right of property owners to erect fences on that street, and was in favor of a 42-foot street.

treet and was opposed to decressing the

width of any of the streets. After further argument by Measts. Erane, Leadbeater, Monroe, Uhler, Burke, Marshall and Smith, the matter was recommitted to the committee on streets, with the suggestion that a report lavoring the improvement of a 42-foot street be made

Mr. Rishell called up the resolution appropriating \$4,000 to grade and construct a 27 foot broken stone road on north Washington street from Wythe to Monigomery street, and for an 18-foot broken stone roadway from Monigomery street to the corporation line, which was laid over at the last meeting.

Mr. Leadbeater said the matter should

receive consideration tonight, sa council's action at the last meeting had been a disappointment to the street and finance committees. Money should be spent for a good roadway to secommo-date the travel to and from Washington. He then asked that the resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce be read, which was done. (The resolutions were published in yesterday's Ga-zette.) He said the resolution resolutions zette.) were signed by a large number of merchants and prominent business men, and favorable action should be taken on the matter when it was favored by such a body of men. He also at the request of Mr. Marshall described the route the teams would take in order to reach the new roadway.

Mr. Marshall was in favor of improving Washington street from King to Queen street before spending money so far out. He, however, favored the improvement of the road on either Washington or Columbus street at a moderate cost.

Mr. Leadbeater stated that the city had not enough money to justify it in improving the two squares on Washingpair and resurface Columbus street in ton street he hoped, however, that soon these and other squares would be im-

proved. Mr. Spinks said the city bad already this year expended more than \$12,000 for street improvements and did not have funds to appropriate for any improve-ments so far oul. Why not use Colum-bus street instead of Washington? He was in favor of improving the center of the city where the property was improved and not where it was unimproved.

Mr. Burke said the square on Cameron street would have been improved long ago if the pro rata cost had been put up by the property owners. The money was now available for the work. He said if the improvement on north Washington street was made the money would be provided by Council.

Mr. Brumback offered an amendment to improve Washington street in the same manner as the county had improved the roadway leading to that street.

Mr. Snowden (Mr. Uhler in the chair) said the city did not have funds available to do the work as already the appropriation for atreet work had been practically exhaused. He was in favor was received and referred to the committee on Streets.

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A communication from the Alexandria Light Infantry requesting an appropriation of \$306.51 to pay expenses incurred, and also requesting an annual appropriation of \$300, was received and referred to the committee on Streets. practically exhaused. He was in favor of street improvements, but said the work could not be done without money;
Spinks, was referred to the joint committee
he would vote for a sufficient amount to
on Light and Finance:
Whereas, Mr. Philander Betts, an electrical
was employed by the City service in the matter, was ordered to be he would vote for a sufficient amount to Columbus street, which could be done for a thousand dollars, leaving the remainder of the propesed appropriation to lay a modern pavement on Cameron street, between Royal and Fairfax, which work must now be done under an ordinance already passed as the property owners had just paid their share for this improvement. He said the property owners on north Washington street had ot seked for the improvement; would not pay a cent for the work and that was unfair to those living south of them who had paid their share for the improvement siready made. He expressed sur prise at the statement made by Mr. Barke, who said the money would be available, when that gentleman had stated that the raising of taxes and licenses was necessary to secure money to carry on the city government. He said council was known as a very uncertain body, as it did one thing at one meeting and undid it at the next, justly bringing criticism upon its mempers. He referred to the presence in the chamber of members of the Chamber of Commerce; he was a friend of each of them and was glad they took interest in the city's welfare, but he had known the time when matters of much more importance than this improvement was before council and they were not present. He would be glad for them to aid council in raising money for improvements. He said it was time for the members of council to step down and out if they are incapable of transacting business which came before them. After some further argument the mat-

ter was finally recommitted to the committees on streets and finance.

A communication was received from the Bryant Fertilizer Company asking permission to erect a small frame ing on its property at the old Pioneer

on north Fairfax street to the corporaon north Fairfax street to the corpora-tion line and on Montgomery street to the Potomac river. The resolution was referred to the committee on streets, width, was referred to the Committee on referred to the committee on streets.

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Alder nen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held No

vember 9, 1809, there were present:

J. B. N. Curtin, esq., Presiden', and
Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger,
Field, Fitagerald and Summers.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in

cies in that board.
Communication from Samuel P. Fisher,
Corporation Attorney, announcing the recording of the deed vesting the title to the
free School building in the City Council.
Bill of Samuel P. Fisher, Corporation Atterney (\$5'), for services in connection with
the title of the Lee School building,
Petition of F. L. Slaymaker, captain of the
A'exadria Light Infantry, asking Council to
appropriate \$8.6.5 to defray the expenses of
the company in the recent suit for possession
of the armory.
Petition of the Interstate Natural Gas Company for permission to lay pipes in this city
in order to furnish natural gas to consumers.
Resolution appropriating \$500 for the purchase of gas stoves with the view of demonstrating the economy of gas as a feel.
Preamble and resolution directing the City
Engineer to examine the plant of the Alexandria Electric Company and ascertain if said
company has the facilities for fulfilling its
contract with the city and at the s me time
farnish electricity to outling towns.

Besolution directing the City Engineer,
under the direction of the Committee on
Streets, to a certain and report to Council the
cost of raving Washington street from Prince

will be taid by property owners on said square.

Report of the Committee on Streets appropristing \$1,460 for the improvement of Alfred street, between Prince and Duke

A resolution recommitting the report of the Committee on Streets on the extension of improvements on corth Washington street, was received from the Common Council.

Mr. Marbury moved that the resolution be laid on the table. His motion was lost.

Mr. Hill then moved a concurrence in the action of the Common Council, and his motion was adopted.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held November 9, 1909, there were present:
Hubert Snowden, esq., president, and Messra.
Leadbeater, Burke, Bisheill, Brumback,
Smith, Brill, Baader, Birrell, Monroe, Hellmuth, Harrison, Uhler, Marshall, Spinks and
Evans.

Washington street was made the money would be provided by Council.

Mr. Evans said he was unable to get the most necessary improvements in his section of the city; there was not desent outlet to the south of the city; there was not desent outlet to the south of the city; the thought the matter should be recommitted.

Mr. Leadbester said one of the next improvements would be to provide a good roadway to Hunting creek.

Mr. Harrison of the city Engineer and Committee on Streets and the report was adopted. A resolution offered by Mr. Snowden instructing the City Engineer, under direction of the Committee on Streets, it is ascertain the cost of paving Washington street from Prince to property owners on street, was passed.

A communication from the Corporation Attorney, for services in connection with the the each ob building a mounting to \$50, was ordered paid.

A resolution by Mr. Snima and the property upon which the the each ob building a great the cost of paving Washington street in the cost of paving Washington street from Prince over streets, with vitrified brick or o

authorized to employ at a reasonable figure authorized to employ at a reasonable figure an expert electrical engineer to assist in mak-ing an examination and report to the City Council as outlined in this resolution, and be t farther

ing on its property at the old Pioneer mills.

It was stated that the building had already been erected, and that a majority of the members of Council had signed the petition. Permission was granted.

Mr. Leadbeater gave notice that at

the committee on streets—ayes 10, nees 6.
Mr. Risheill called from the table a report
of the joint Committee on a treets and Finance Mr. Risheill called from the table a report of the joint Committee on treets and Finance recommending an appropriation of \$4.000 for improvements on north Washington street. Mr. Leadbeater presented resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce favoring the improvements. After discussion Mr. Smith moved to recommit the matter to the joint Committee on Streets and Finance to be considered in connection with improvements on north Columbus street, and the motion was adopted by the following vote: Aves, Messra, Burke, Erumback, Smith, Brill, Raader, Birrell, Hellmuth, Thier, Marshall, Spinks, Evans and Mr. President, (12); no. s, Messra, Leadbeater, Risheill, Monroe and Harrison, (4).

was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance and Streets:
Resolved, by the City Council of Alexandria, Va., that the report of the Committee on Streets concerning the extension of improvements on north Washington street be recommitted to the said committee, together with the Committee on Fina ce, with the instruction to ascertain and report what it will cost to inprove Washington street in the same manner the county has improved its road to the intersection of the said street.

The board then adjourced.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Teste: Daniel R. Stansbury, Clerk C. C.

#### News of the Day.

is over, and he does not intend to lead an expedition to the south pole.

Major Thomas H. Hays, former in-spector general of the Confederate army, died in Louisville, Kentucky, yesterday, aged 72 years.

Judge E. Mayo Ross, of California, formerly of Virginia, has been indorsed by the Richmond Bar Association for appointment to the bench of the Sa-preme Court of the United States, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jus-

After hearing the report of Special Accountant Crenshaw on his examinaningham, the board of alderman of Richmond by a unanimous voic lest night adopted a joint resolution providing for an investigation to be conducted by a special committee of three council-men and two aldermen. The committee decided that the city collector must expiain the delay in returning checks, and one of the members declared that pressure was brought to bear on the finance committee to minimize the delinquency. The report says many police court fines are never paid.

#### Virginia News.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual conference of the Virgin a Methodist Episcopal Church South began in Newport News today.

Mr. W. W. Wayland, of Alexandris, and Miss Ethel Fray, daughter of Mrs. J. J. Fray, of Culpopper county, were married Thursday at the home of the bride by Rev. P. L. B. Cross.

L. T. Wright, while alone in his drug store, corner of Lombardy and Broad streets, Richmood, last night, was held up at the point of a gun by two white mee, one wielding the weapon while the other emptied the cash register.

According to the figurers of the federal government, the loss from forest fires in Virginia during the year 1908 amounted to more than \$500,000, and as there are more than 10,000,000 acres of forest lands in the state, this estimate is probably too low. Miss Frances Lee Fleming, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bland Lee

Fleming, yesterday afternoon was mar-ried at her home, near The Plains, in Fauquier county, to Mr. Samuel Healey Oarter. Rev. John H. Norwood, per-formed the ceremony. Oaly the immed-late families of the bride and bridegroom were present. Miss Mary Fleming at-A writ of error was yesterday granted

by the Court of Appeals in the Court case of Prof. J. D. Harr's, of Warrenton, school superintendent, who recently was sentenced to four years

caused damage to the amount of \$25 000. At least fifteen persons were killed and about 20 injured today in a wreck on an interban ratiway between Vancouver and New Westminster, B. O.

A family settlement between Mrs.

Eddy and George Glover,

Mary Raker

her son, and Ebenezer J. Foster Eddy, (an adopted son) has been concluded in Boston. Under the settlement George W. Glover and his family receive the sum of \$245,000 and Ebenezer J. Foster Eddy, the sum of \$45,000. Federal Judge Hough in New York today imposed a fine of \$4,000 on John H. Parks of the Fibre and Manilla Paper Association who was recently con-

victed of violating the Sherman anti-

trust law. Parks orginated the voting Association, the cord age trust operated and was found guily of conspiracy in restraint of trade. D.vid J. Richardson, former cashier of the D'vid J. Richardson, former cashier of the Cosmopolitan National Bank, at Pittsburg, Pa., was today sent@need to five years in the United States penitentiary at Leavemoorth, Kas The sentence follows Richardson's conviction upon 24 counts of an indictment which charged him with making false entries in the books of the bank and in reports to the comptroller of the currency. Richardson will spread

A SUFFRAGETTE INCIDENT. The celebration of King Edward's sixty-eighth birthday and the inaugurs tion of Sir John Knill as lord mayor of London, to succeed Sir George Truscott. made London an especially lively center of interest yesterday, although the his-

toric and theatrical side of the lord

mayor's show was wanting, The bacquet at the Guildhall last night was the scene of a suffragette ) cident, The lord mayor was responding to the toast the king, when a crash of glass was heard, and a stained glass. window fell in fragments into the ta :queting hall. Shouts of "Votes 1 or women!" resounded through the room, causing considerable excitement a some smusement. Two women v no

## Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

mon Council and their action concurred in by unanimous votes:

The report of the Committee on Streets, recommending an approximation of \$100 for the purchase of me al boxes to be used for waste paper, etc., as requested by the Civic Improvement League.

Besolution appropriating \$1,000 for the im-provement of Columbus street from Queen to Orono o.

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Resolution appropriating \$600 for the improvement of Alfred street between Queen and Princess
Communication of Hubert S owden, Clerk of the City School Board, announcing tweenies in that board.
Communication from Samuel P. Fisher, Corporation Attorney, announcing the re-

under the direction of the Committee on treets, to a certain and report to Council the cast of paying Washington street from Prince o Queen with vitrified brick or some other

ion was adopted.
The board then adjourned.
J. R. N. CUSTIN, President
Tests: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk

Evans. The Committee on Streets recommended an

The following resolution, offered by Mr.

Whereas, Mr. Philander Betts, an electrical engineer or exper, was employed by the City Council in April-May, 1907, to make an examination of the electric light plant in this city and made a report of his observations and conclusions to the joint Committee on Light and Streets, and as that report cannot be well used as data for present purposes owing to the lapse of time, and Whereas it has been reported in the AlexandriaGrazette that the Alexandria Electric Company will possibly enter into contract for furnishing electricity for lighting and other purposes to territory contigious to Alexandria, and as the city by the terms of its agreements with and franchise sold to E. E. Mandeville, will receive no revenue from the sale of such

with and franchise sold to E. E. Mandeville, will receive no revenue from the sale of such electricity;

Resolved, That the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to examine the plant of the Alexandria Electric Company, its outside construction, the lighting power of its are light, the character of its lighting facilities and illuminating power furnished consumers. light, the character of its lighting facilities and illuminating power furnished consumers, etc. And for the purpose of intelligently ascertaining whether or not the said Alexandria Electric company is equipped with the necessary machinery and appliances to furnish power sufficient to supply the current for outside territory, and also to furnish the necessary power for city purposes as provided for in the contract with the city of Alexandria, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to employ at a reasonable figure

Council as outlined in this resolution, and be it further Resolved, That the Committee on Light report whether or not the arc lights are of the andle power called nor in the contract (2,000 candle power); if they are lighted and extinguished according to contract; if the line construction is what was promised three years; go, and any other information that will assist the City Council in determining whether or not the city of Alexandria or the citizens of Alexandria are receiving what it due them under the franchise and contract.

A petition from Samuel G. Brent, attorney, representing the Intersta e Natural Gas Company, of West Virginis, requesting a franci ise for thirty years to carry on the business of transporting, distributing and delivering natural gas to customers, was referred to the joint Committee on Light and General Laws.

A recommunication from the Clerk of the

Mr. Leadbeater gave notice that at the next meeting he would call up the building laws ordnance.

Mr. Brumback moved to take up the matter at once, which motion was lost.

Mr. Uhler introduced a resolution directing the city englueer to remove all fences, buildings and other obstructions on north Fairfax attent to the account.

A resolution effected by Mr. Uhler directing

[The Coamber of Commerce will, it is understood, continue to urge the appropriation for the north Washington street improvement and a special meeting of that body in reference to the matter has been called for Thursday night.]

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